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IN LOW TEMPERATURE TOUGHNESS AT HEAT
AFFECTED ZONE RESULTING FROM LARGE HEAT
INPUT WELDING

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.